

Application Serial No. 10/576,579
Reply to office action of November 15, 2007

PATENT
Docket: CU-4794

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 are pending before this amendment (claim 5-9 have been withdrawn in response to an earlier restriction requirement).

In the present ex parte Quayle-type office action (page 2), the examiner requests cancellation of the non-elected claims 5-9, in order to issue a Notice of Allowance with respect to the pending claims 1-4. Accordingly, claims 5-9 are cancelled without prejudice, for which the applicants reserve the right to present in a divisional application.

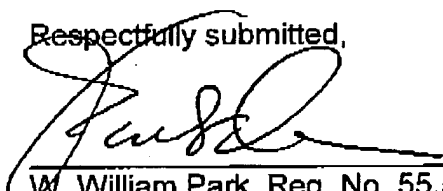
On a minor note, the applicants respectfully note that in the last amendment (page 9 of 9) filed September 5, 2007, the applicants had already provided an authorization to the examiner to cancel the withdrawn claims 5-9 when issuance of a Notice of Allowance is considered to be proper.

In any event, the applicants respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance at your earliest opportunity.

This amendment is considered to be responsive to all points raised in the office action. Should the examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

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Respectfully submitted,


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